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CEREMONIAL FACE-OFF - Doug Bassett drops the puck for the Avalanche's Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand and Magrath Chiefs captain Joe Wilde at Thursday night's opening ceremonies.

Vicki Brooker photo

Alberta's top Atoms face off at A. G. Ross

VICKI BROOKER
 Review Staff

The top eight Atom 'D' teams from across Alberta came to Elk Point's A. G. Ross Arena this weekend to determine the 2019 Provincial Champions.

Teams rolled in early Thursday, and were all on hand to parade on to the ice in Thursday evening's opening ceremonies.

With the lineups of teams complete, Elk Point Town Coun. Terri Hampson welcomed the visitors to the community and wished them a successful and memorable weekend.

Lisa Davies of Hockey Alberta acknowledged the role of Provincials sponsors, ATB Financial, the local sponsors, team supporters and volunteers, and told the teams that they had earned the right to be here. "Good luck, play hard, play fair, and most of all, have fun."

Minor Hockey president Candace Bendixen agreed the teams had "all worked hard to be here. I hope you all have good memories of this weekend." She thanked the local committee, the Town of Elk Point, ice caretaker Brian Poitras, the schools, community volunteers and sponsors, noting, "Without you, this wouldn't be possible. Have a memorable weekend in Elk Point, everyone."

Justin Crawford led the singing of O Canada before the official puck drop.

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Beefed-up Unsightly Premises Bylaw passes first reading

VICKI BROOKER
 Review Staff

After researching the unsightly premises bylaws of 12 other municipalities, Town of Elk Point administration delivered a draft of a revised and expanded Unsightly Premises Bylaw to town council at last Monday's meeting, that will replace a bylaw dating back to 2011.

The revised document includes definitions of a 'reasonable state of repair,' which means being structurally sound, free from damage, rot or other deterioration, and safe for its intended use, and of 'state of disrepair,' which means the significant deterioration of building, structures or improvements or portions of them, broken or missing windows, siding, shingles, shutters, eaves or other building material, or significant fading, chipping or peeling of painted areas of buildings, structures or improvements.. It states that unsightly and untidy refers to any property deemed by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, CAO or council to be unsightly or untidy to the extent that it will detriment-

ally effect use, value or enjoyment of nearby property, is otherwise detrimental to the surrounding area or in an unsightly condition as defined in the Municipal Government Act.

The owner or owners of property in Elk Point must ensure that any building that is beyond a reasonable state of being restored to a usable and safe condition will have that building demolished and removed from the property, and no property owner will allow property to be a danger to public safety, with excavations, structures, materials or other hazards or conditions that pose a risk. If a condition exists that contravenes that section of the bylaw, the bylaw enforcement officer will issue a warning to have the condition rectified within two weeks. The property owner would have the opportunity to appeal to the town during that time period, but if the owner chooses to neglect or refuse to do so, a fine of \$100 for a first offence or up to \$500 for subsequent offences will be levied. The entire text of the draft bylaw can be found on the Town of Elk Point website.

Council passed first reading of the bylaw, with

which council and the economic development committee hope to improve the look of the community. The draft will come back to council on April 8 for the final two readings.

Clarification needed

Council members asked for clarification regarding which community functions and events are included in their monthly honorarium, which are to be billed separately and which are volunteer time. After discussion, it was agreed to receive the request as information.

Resource communities

Discussion is underway among municipal associations across western Canada regarding the formation of a Resource Communities of Canada Coalition that would advocate for a responsible resource industry, ensure municipal perspectives are being heard on issues impacting resource development and share factual information regarding resource development interests. The rest of Elk Point's council agreed with Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich that this is "the very beginning of something; maybe later on" would be the time to get involved.

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HIGHLIGHTS

March 12, 2019 Council Meeting

Waste Transfer and Recycling Station Joint Capital and Operating Agreement – Council renewed the Waste Transfer and Recycling Station Joint Capital and Operating Agreement for the facility located at PSE 16-58-9-W4. The agreement is for a further five-year term. The County covers 25% of the cost of this Transfer Station.

Letter of Support to reduce speed limit on Secondary Highway 646 – Council agreed to provide the Town of Elk Point with a letter supporting their initiative to Alberta Transportation to reduce the speed limit from 100 km/hr to 70 km/hr from the intersection of Highway 41 and Secondary Highway 646 to south of the recreation grounds past the curve. The request is due to the traffic accessing the camp grounds, soccer fields, ball diamonds, golf course, transfer station and gravel pits.

Operating and Lease Agreements – Council approved operating and lease agreements with Evergreen Regional Waste Management Services Commission for the transfer stations within the County of St. Paul. Council also approved agreements with Evergreen for the Transfer stations jointly operated with the Town of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point.

Block Parties – FCSS will be hosting block parties in subdivisions throughout the municipality this summer. The local fire departments will be available at some locations to share information from the Wildfire Hazard and Risk Assessment which was prepared by CPP Environmental, and to provide information on assessing your property for fire risks. Information from other County departments may also be available at these block parties. The first Block party will be held May 18th at the Floatingstone Municipal Campground. Other dates and locations will be advertised on the County FCSS website and Facebook page.

Online Camping Reservations – The County is moving to an online reservation system for the Stoney Lake, Lac Bellevue, Westcove and Floatingstone Municipal Campgrounds for the 2019 camping season. Reservations can still be made by phone or in person. Reservations will be accepted starting May 1. Additional information will be available on the County website.

Beaver Reduction Incentive Program – The County Ag Service Board will be implementing a beaver reduction incentive program commencing April 15th. Residents will be required to pre-register with the ASB Department at the Public Works Shop in order to take advantage of this program. Additional information will be available on the website soon.

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Members at Large – The County of St. Paul is seeking two members at large for the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB). The purpose of the ISDAB is to hear and rule on subdivision appeals or appeals by a ratepayer on a development permit in the St. Paul-Elk Point Region. Training will be provided. Residents interested in sitting on this board can apply to pcorbiere@county.stpaul.ab.ca or drop off a letter at the County Administration office describing their interest in the position and outlining any relevant experience.

Funding Support

- \$300 – Elk Point Pond Hockey Tournament
- \$500 – Elk Point Midget Hockey Team attending Provincials
- \$1,000 – St. Paul Fire Fighter's Association for their Training Facility
- \$2,400 – Elk Point Canada Day Fireworks

For more information contact
Sheila Kitiz, CAO, County of St. Paul
At 780-645-3301, ext 208

Elk Point RCMP, EADRCRU track vehicles, make arrests

ELK POINT RCMP
AND RCMP ALBERTA

On Friday March 15, the Elk Point RCMP received a report that an ATV was stolen from a residence in Frog Lake First Nations. Police located the vehicle with the ATV in the box only a few minutes after the call came in, approximately one kilometre away.

Elk Point RCMP alongside the Cold Lake Police Dog Service attempted to stop the vehicle using a tire deflation device and the vehicle came to a stop shortly after at a rural residence in the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement. The truck used in the commission of the offence had also been reported stolen from Cold Lake back in January.

While searching the vehicle, police located approximately 600 rounds of ammunition, 11 grams of methamphetamine, a machete and bear mace. Police also located counterfeit money on one suspect, brass knuckles and a stolen driver's license on another.

Six individuals were charged with possession of a controlled substance, flight from police, two counts of possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, unauthorized possession of ammunition in a motor vehicle and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose. Five of the individuals were also charged with theft of motor vehicle.

A 25-year-old from Cold Lake First Nation was charged with possession of counterfeit money and driving while disqualified. A 23-year-old man from Cold Lake was charged with identity theft and unauthorized possession of a prohibited weapon. A 26 year-old man from Lac La Biche was charged with possession of ammunition contrary to order, two counts of failure to comply with probation order and three counts of failure to comply with recognizance.

A 20-year-old woman from Fishing Lake Metis Settlement was charged with failure to comply with an undertaking, and a 24-year-old woman from Frog Lake First Nation with trafficking in stolen property.

A 24-year-old woman from Elizabeth Metis Settlement was the sixth individual charged.

If you have any information about this or any other incidents please contact the Elk Point RCMP at 780-724-3964. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store

On Tuesday March 5, 2019, the Bonnyville RCMP received a report that two welding trucks had been stolen from a local business in the Bonnyville area. GPS tracking equipment attached to the vehicles led members of the Elk Point RCMP and the Eastern Alberta Rural Crime Reduction Unit to a rural property in the Elk Point area where a search warrant was executed.

Two males were located and arrested at the scene and an assortment of stolen vehicles and property were located and recovered. The second stolen welding truck was also recovered later that day by Edmonton Police Services in Edmonton. No additional charges have been laid in relation to the second welding truck at this time.

An Elk Point area man was charged with six counts of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime over \$5000 and Possession of Property Obtained by Crime under \$5000. He was held for a bail hearing where he was released by a Justice of the Peace on a \$2,000 no-cash Recognizance with conditions and is scheduled to attend St. Paul Provincial Court on March 28, 2019. The second male suspect was not charged at the time in relation to this incident. The investigation is still ongoing.

"This was a case where the RCMP's partnership with a local business was crucial in the recovery of stolen property," says Cst. Robert Eberly with Eastern Alberta Rural Crime Reduction Unit. "The way criminals operate within our communities is constantly evolving. These types of partnerships are crucial as we continue to develop and emerge our own crime reduction strategies."

Council

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Regional Deputy Fire Chief

A servicing agreement between the County of St. Paul and the towns of Elk Point and St. Paul for a regional deputy fire chief was brought to council, with the three municipalities to share

the salary and benefits on a per capita basis. Elk Point's share is 10 per cent, which works out to \$100 per month, "a lot of service for \$1,200 per year," one councillor noted. Council voted to sign the agreement.

Wrestling sponsorship

Following the shifting of \$500 from the Grants

to Organizations section to Events, Projects, Prizes and Supplies section of the Recreation Program Expense budget, which is no longer needed in the grants section due to the cancellation of the agricultural fair, council agreed to a \$1,000 sponsorship from the Tourism operating budget for the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce's proposed wrestling event at the end of May.

Also in the area of recreation and tourism, Recreation Director Cristin Tchir will be added to the Canada Day signing authority and her predecessor removed from the authority.

Library expenses

Deputy Mayor Debra McQuinn, who represents council on the Elk Point Library Board, asked administration for a detailed and comprehensive breakdown of expenses paid by the town for the library, so that she can answer questions from the board in this regard.

NOTICE

Wednesday, March 27
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Chamber plans new kind of 'Fling' for spring

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

This year's 'Spring Fling' will be in the ring, instead of on the dance floor, Elk Point Chamber of Commerce decided at their March meeting, agreeing to co-host host Elk Point's first Lakeland Pro Wrestling event at the end of May.

The A. G. Ross Arena has been booked and Lakeland Pro, which will bring their own ring and sound system to the event, was holding the date for

the chamber's decision, president Terri Hampson told the members. She added that the wrestlers were also willing also visit the schools to promote the event and to interact with the youngsters in the crowd at the family-oriented show. Earlier in the week, town council approved to sponsor the event with \$1,000 from the Recreation department's tourism operating budget, she noted, and with the opportunity to purchase the show for a discounted price, the chamber would front the remaining

\$1,500 of bringing it to town.

A wrestling show was seen by the membership as "more inclusive" and "a better demographic" for the chamber to host than a dance, as it would entertain all ages. Two of seven VIP tables have already been spoken for, and there will also be four sponsor tables in addition to regular seating, Hampson said.

Other current activities for the chamber included encouraging members to decorate their businesses for the week-end's Atom Hockey Provincials, and Hampson was happy to say that a number of businesses were sporting displays to welcome the teams and their families.

Upcoming projects include work on a booklet of tips to assist members in preparing for a grand opening or major anniversary of their business, and once the membership renewals are all in, publishing the new version of the chamber brochure.

The tourist information centre is one of the chamber's annual projects, and has been approved for a STEP position for this year's worker, with no word received yet on the federal Canada Summer Jobs grant.

Lakeland Realty was in this month's Member Spotlight. Owner Shirley

Harms has been a realtor for more than 20 years, and before that was the owner and operator of Woody's Trophy and Gift Shop and Video Point for 14 years.

In 1998, she and husband Glen purchased Re/Max Lakeland Realty from Orest and May Rybchinsky and had offices in both Elk Point and St. Paul. The firm currently serves clients in all areas of the province, with listings and sales for all types of real estate.

Shirley was a director on the NE Alberta Real Estate Board for many years and was in charge of the Professional Standards Committee for member realtors. She is most proud of being the first real estate brokerage in the area to join the Multiple Listing Service, realizing the advantage it would bring to the buyers and sellers, with other real estate companies in Elk Point and St. Paul soon following her lead. Back in her retail days, she recalls adding in-store embroidery to Woody's lineup, and initiating the Christmas Extravaganza to provide the community with "one special Christmas night."

Her advice to new business owners is, "Do what you love, have a five-year plan, be patient, and you will have fun building a successful business."



TOP SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS at the District Communications event were, left to right, Jove Boorse, Elk Point, Tyson Kotowich, St. Paul, Shyanne Klatt, Elk Point, Ethan Yaremko, St. Paul, Shaylyn Klatt, Elk Point, Mercedes Trefanenko, St. Paul, Jorja Hagen, Goodridge, Ashlynn Trefanenko, St. Paul, Kaydence Hagen, Goodridge, Kristina Kotowich and Rebecca Kotowich, St. Paul.

Janice Huser photo

4-H members take stage for district public speaking

STAFF WRITERS

The St. Paul & District Public Speaking event took place in Goodridge on Sunday, March 10 drawing in 4-H members from across the area to deliver speeches and presentations.

Speakers took to the stage in the large part of the Goodridge Hall, while judges in the junior, intermediate and senior categories paid close attention to the messages being delivered, and who those messages were delivered. Speakers also did short impromptu speeches after completing their initial speeches.

On the other side of the hall, five members did some well-prepared and impressive presentations, showing judges their knowledge on a specific topic.

Results from the district event include:

Speeches

Junior - 1st Tyson Kotowich - "It's going to be a good day" (St. Paul); 2nd Jove Boorse - "Heroes" (Elk Point)

Intermediate - 1st Ashlynn Trefanenko - "A

ding in the universe" (St. Paul); 2nd Jorja Hagen - "Homelessness in Canada" (Goodridge)

Seniors - 1st Kristina Kotowich - "The value of life" (St. Paul); 2nd Kaydence Hagen - "The evolution of drug use" (Goodridge)

Presentations

Junior - 1st Ethan Yaremko - "Worm farming" (St. Paul);

2nd Shyanne Klatt - "Backpacking overnight" (Elk Point)

Intermediate - 1st Mercedes Trefanenko - "M-V-E-M-J-S-U-N" (St. Paul); 2nd Shaylyn Klatt - "The horn does not go beep beep" (Elk Point)

Senior - 1st Rebecca Kotowich - "The misunderstood solution" (St. Paul)

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A directly affected person may provide input into certain regulatory decisions, as allowed by the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (section 73). Specifically, any person who is directly affected by this application may submit a written statement of concern within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

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Regulatory Approvals Center
5th Floor, South Petroleum Plaza
9915 - 108 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2G8
Fax: (780) 422-0154
E-mail: aep.epeaapplications@gov.ab.ca

The written statement of concern should include the following:

- the application number 001-417571
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- explain how the filer of the concern will be directly affected by the activities proposed in the application
- provide the legal land location of the land owned or used by the filer where the concerns described are believed to be applicable
- state the distance between the land owned or used by the filer and the site in the application
- contact information including the full name and mailing address of the filer.

Please provide a telephone number and/or email address for ease of contact.

Environment and Parks will review each written statement of concern, seek more information if needed, and notify each filer by letter of the decision to accept or reject their written submission as a valid statement of concern. The Public Notice of this application will also be posted on the Department's website at <https://avw.alberta.ca/PublicNoticesViewer.aspx>.

Statements of concern submitted regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public and the applicant. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board.

Copies of the application and additional information can be obtained from:

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Email: gburke@windsorsalt.com



EDITORIAL

Another cheer for volunteers!

Every single speaker at Thursday night's opening ceremonies of the Atom D Provincials had good words to say about Elk Point's volunteers, and no wonder.

These volunteers range from the coaches who guided and instructed and encouraged these players through the year, to the parents who hauled them from game to game all over the zone all winter and then did much more - preparing for the Provincials tournament, then working at various tasks all weekend to keep things running smoothly.

And they weren't the only ones - the ATB staff manned the massive draw table and silent auction all weekend, fitting it into their work schedule two of those days, and Ray Danyluk was there every minute up to mid-afternoon Saturday, encouraging everyone who came by to add their contributions to the Loonie Stick, aided by a series of volunteers. Both of these endeavours yield financial help for the arena, which is a costly building to operate, without a question.

Then there were the crew of volunteers who fed everyone who came to the concession, the announcers and timekeepers... and so many more that helped to make the weekend great. Thanks, everyone!

RECREATION CORNER

Canada Day planning is underway - more non-profits welcome!

CRISTIN TCHIR
Recreation Director

With the warmer temperatures finally here it's a good reminder that summer will come, and with that, our Canada Day event. Planning has commenced, and we are still looking for volunteers to sit on our committee, the hope was that each non-profit would have someone represent their group and rotate every year. Each year non-profits are asked to look after an activity, they get the profits, Canada Day runs smoothly, it's a win win, so to any non-profits out there, here is the sign you've been waiting for, come to our next meeting, April 3rd at 7:30, in Council Chambers, we are a friendly bunch, I promise. With that said, volunteers are always needed, you don't have to belong to a group to volunteer, if you have any questions feel free to send me an email recreation@elkpoint.ca. I know I'm beginning to sound like a broken record, but as a mother I've become accustomed to repeating myself until the desired outcome has been met!

OK, let's chat recreation. At the last Recreation Committee meeting, we briefly talked about a hiking trail around Elk Point. Hiking trails are one of the most desired recreational activities that draw people in or around a municipality. I'm not talking about a paved walking trail, we know there is one in town already, I'm talking a real bush trail, designated for hikers, dog walkers, moms pushing their rugged equipped strollers etc. Something like the Whitney Lakes Provincial Park trails which are great, but you must drive to get to them, it would be convenient if Elk Point offered a hiking trail or two that started on the outskirts. Anyone familiar with the App "All Trails"? it's a wonderful App that displays hiking trails with maps, description of the trail, distance, difficulty, reviews, etc., it's something I use when I travel, search Elk Point, no trails are found. I think it'd be great to put Elk Point on the hiking map, giving us one more reason to be "The Right Place to Be"!



WAY BACK WHEN...

Beaver River MP, big surplus, County Mountie, Seven Wonders

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES IN THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 18 IN...

1989

Deborah Grey won the west in Beaver River's by-election, becoming the first Reform Party Member of Parliament in Ottawa. The long-awaited news that \$4.4 million in provincial funding had been allocated for a 30-bed long term care wing at Elk Point Municipal Hospital had the hospital board in a jubilant mood when it was announced by MLA John Drobot.

1994

Jim Penz of St. Paul and his rink defeated son Steve Penz and his foursome of Elk Point curlers in the Elk Point Mixed Bonspiel grand challenge, the fourth time in five years that father or son had taken home that trophy. The Town of Elk Point's 1993 financial statement showed a \$113,000 surplus, resulting from more grants being obtained than had been forecast, and expenses that had been less than anticipated.

1999

"Thanks, but no thanks" was the general consensus of Elk Point town council regarding the possibility of joining the town and County of St. Paul to hire a county fire chief, with Fire Chief Ken Palamarek giving the fire department's input on the matter in one word: "No." Seven months after the County of St. Paul's enhanced policing agreement started, the county voted to cancel their County Mountie contract due to dropping revenue.

2004

Town council agreed to establish a Community Support Services Department that would provide limited financial assistance gathered through donations and fundraising projects to organizations experiencing

financial hardship. Elk Point Community Choir's production of 'Oklahoma' opened at the Elks Hall 61 years and one day after the Rogers and Hammerstein classic opened its 2,212-performance run on Broadway.

2009

Elk Point Skating Club took an appreciative audience on a virtual tour of the Seven Wonders of the World, from the Taj Mahal to the Great Wall of China, with former club member Helen Ramful and her skating partner Garrett Goodman as guest performers. Elk Point town council welcomed the public to an open house and their council meeting, held in the newly completed Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

2014

Elk Point Town Council had a full house with three delegations on the agenda, one the youngest ever to come before town council, as 10-year-old Emma Ellerton came equipped with well-researched brochures and display and confidently laid out her proposal that Elk Point should have at least one fenced dog park, where local pets could exercise and interact.



NO ESCAPE POSSIBLE - The Senior Star Skate dwarfs aren't going to let the queen, played by Chyanne Fisher and disguised as an old hag, get away with her attempt to regain her title as 'fairest of them all' by feeding Snow White a poisoned apple, in the Elk Point Skating Club's presentation of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'.

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Elk Point Review marks 35 years of publication

As of this week, we can add another year on to the 'Way Back When' column.

The first issue of the Review, since it was purchased by the St. Paul Journal, rolled off the press on March 21, 1984.

Here's a rundown on the news in our first issue ...

The Elk Point Municipal Hospital was granted full accreditation on March 8, announced Hospital Board chairman Tom Belsheim, hospital administrator Maurice Lafrance and acting director of nursing Diana Anderson.

Elk Point Midget 'C' hockey team won a provincial playoff berth with a win over Marwayne where Jason Jenner scored two goals and brothers Michael, Murray and Malcolm Palamarek, Malcolm Nowosad, Willie Lesyk and David Nazarchuk scored singles.

Winning first place for their grades at Elk Point Elementary School's public speaking day were Deborah Goertzen and Ryan Lundgren, Jason Morris and Candace Ference, Tobey Conrad and Roger Smith, Jodi Vogel, Kim Kurek, Colin Bjorkman, Miles Dion, Lynda Shmyr and Michael Bepalko.

Editor Fija Schwab remarked that the announcement by federal Energy Minister Jean Chretien and provincial Energy Minister John

Zaozirny that Amoco's planned oil sands project in the area had been termed "politically motivated" and was causing an uproar. She wondered if the benefits of such a development would outweigh the negative aspects and if, in the long run, "Could we possibly become another statistic as another boom town, such as the towns of Grande Prairie and Bonnyville?"

Discussions pertaining to development, including the mobile home subdivision, apartment development and serviced versus unserved industrial lots were high on town council's agenda.

Chamber of commerce attendance was on the upswing, with 23 members on hand when town liaison Gordon McCuaig sought to enlighten them about the oil situation and assured them that the Amoco project was roughly on par with what other companies were already doing for two years in the area and had been "blown up out of proportion by Canada-wide news media." Elk Point and District Surface Rights Association president Alban Bugej concurred, noting there are already 2,000 wells in the area and another 300 being drilled every year, "what effect will another 60 have?"

Congratulations and good luck were expressed to the new business on Main Street, as Stedmans, managed by Lois Sharek, held its grand opening.

Elk Point

Hospital receives accreditation

By VICKI BROOKER

The Elk Point Municipal Hospital has been granted full accreditation status as of Mar. 5, 1984. It was announced at a Friday, Mar. 9 press conference attended by Hospital Board Chairman Tom Belsheim, Hospital Administrator Maurice Lafrance, Chief of Staff Dr. Frank Estey, and Assistant Director of Nursing Diana Anderson.

Accreditation means that the hospital has met or surpassed all national standards set by the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation, and involves a review of the board, medical staff and hospital, including the quality of service, departments, and gives the hospital an assurance of good quality service.

The Elk Point Accreditation Council on Nov. 16 and 17, 1983. As a result of this survey, the hospital was granted a two year accreditation, a great accomplishment in itself, as only 10 percent of hospitals receive more than one year on their first certification.

The Elk Point Hospital has been working toward accreditation almost ever since the new facility opened in Sept. 1976, replacing the former 1928 building. They were physically unable to seek accreditation while the quality of care was always excellent, the building left much to be desired due to its construction in a period of hard times from what materials were available. Once in the new building, it was possible to begin the long process of bringing every facet of the operation up to standards and to have it functioning well before an application for accreditation could be made.

The hospital will be surveyed again in approximately two years to determine if the present high standards are being maintained.

Dr. Frank Estey said the hospital is "Extremely proud of becoming accredited." He added that it is very hard for a small hospital to meet the standards which are the same as those applied to large city hospitals. He credits the fact that "Everyone pulled together" with the achievement of accreditation status.

Board Chairman Tom Belsheim agreed with this, saying that "Not many hospitals have the cooperation this one has. They have had problems, but these have been overcome." with obviously excellent results.

Assistant Director of Nursing Diana Anderson notes that all departments of the hospital are proud of the service they deliver. "We never just sat back and waited for someone to tell us to do something, we went ahead and did it." The accreditation is a public statement that this constructive attitude has

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Elementary school holds speakoff

By VICKI BROOKER

Elk Point Elementary School held their annual public speaking day on Thursday, March 15 with medals going to the top two girls and top two boys in each grade from 1 to 6. The winners of the speak-off now advance to the county level speak-off scheduled for Tuesday, March 20 at Ashmont.

Judges for Thursday's event were Mary Bennett, Mary Mistol, Olga Ockerman, John Bennett, George Mackenzie and John McGregor.

Deborah Goertzen topped the grade one girls' category, with Jan McLellan coming second, Ryan King placing third. Candace Ference was the winner placing second, while Tanya Stone as runner-up, placed third.

Tobey Conrad topped the grade two boys and girls' category, followed by Kim Kurek who represented the winning grade five boy, followed by Darwin Bjorkman in second spot, and Michael Bepalko was the winning grade five boy.

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TOP ELEMENTARY SPEAKERS - Were presented with their medals by donor Miss Beatrice Kinch (left). Winning speakers were, front row, left to right: Deborah Goertzen, grade 1; Jason Morris and Candace Ference, grade 2; Tobey Conrad and Roger Smith, grade 3; (second row, left to right): Jodi Vogel, grade 5; Kim Kurek, grade 4; Colin Bjorkman, grade 4; Miles Dion, grade 6; (top row, left to right): Lynda Shmyr, grade 6; and Michael Bepalko, grade 5.



SECOND PLACE SPEAKERS - Received medals from Verona Lee Flanders, on behalf of the Lionsess Club. Winners were (not in order) Joe King and Jan McLellan, gr. 1; Danny Nelson and Tanya Stone, gr. 2; Tracy Bepalko and Brian Mackowicki, gr. 3; Kristin Kittitz, Steven Bayduza, gr. 4; Tina Bjorkman and Darwin Ference, gr. 5; Margaret Bayduza and Sheldon Porcina, gr. 6.

Ice fishing is fun

By VICKI BROOKER

Elk Point Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts gathered at Laurier Lake on Sunday, March 18 for an afternoon of ice fishing fun at their kids-only fishing derby. Over forty youngsters participated in the event.

Gerald Bugej topped both first and second in the Jackfish category, with catches weighing in at 6 lbs. 7 oz. and 4 lbs. 1 oz. Colin Kurek caught the winning 12 oz. perch, while Billy Briggs and Jodi Vogel took home the door prizes.

All prizes for the event were donated by B & B Tires and Elkman Yorkshires, Elk Point.

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Meet the Midget Avalanche!

Wishing these fine young men the best of luck at Midget Provincials in Calgary this weekend!



Dallas 'Cowboy' Bristow

A first year midget winger who is always riding shot gun with his rifle loaded and ready to hit the target. Plays his position well and covers the point man.



'Lightning Liam' Ludlage

Small but elusive, brilliant playmaker, is the ultimate set up man, an extremely gifted skater with outstanding skills, has a monster of a heart, knock him down and he will get right back up.



Jaden 'Jet Stream' Van Maarion

A bantam aged player who is as tough as any midget on the team and not out of place in the big league. Rugged, hardnosed and fearless, this right winger that is impossible to contain, has sound-breaking speed and a wicked torpedo of a shot.



Hank 'the Tank' Rogal

Steady as a rock, tough as nails, and solid as an old oak tree, he plays a very smart game. Very versatile - he can play equally as well on either defense or forward. The 'Tank' is a superb penalty killer and dangerous on the power play.



Chase 'Rink Rat' Dorey

A serious, steady and dedicated winger. Great size, this third year midget veteran is a sharp shooting sniper who always comes to play and gives 100 per cent effort.



'King Cole' Bendixen

A versatile work horse who has become a very productive sniper this year and a clutch goal scorer in key games, likes to shoot top shelf where his mom keeps the cookies. No off button - he has been known to play through a lot of pain this year.



'Sexy Slader' Hardcastle

Dedicated goaltender, really strong down low, he is good with his stick, covers the rebounds well and holds his turf.



Jace 'the Stafford Streak'

No frills, this solid stay at home D-man holds the blue line, reads the play well, quietly goes about his business, unloads his slap shot from the point with great velocity.



Tyler 'True Blue' Jamieson

After missing a couple of years of hockey, he jumped right in and never missed a beat. Not fancy or flashy but like a true trooper he quietly goes about doing his business.



Dustyn 'Dusty' Pankiw

Has had some injury problems this year, but this third year veteran always makes a difference when he is on the ice. Hardnosed, not afraid to go to the tough areas and mix it up and get in your face.



Charlie 'Chuckles' Rogal

A pure finesse skating highly skilled defenseman who seems to float on air, doesn't back down from anyone and bangs and crashes as well as anyone. Makes some fantastic highlight reel moves with the puck.



Nicholas 'Sparky' Anderson

This is not 'Sparky's' first rodeo, the team captain is a true leader, that leads his troops by example, all out, all the time. The league leading point scorer is fast and furious and extremely talented with the puck, passing, shooting and scoring. The goalies' worst enemy.



Colton 'Colt 45' Van Maarion

A fierce competitor he punches the clock for a full 60 minutes. Tremendous reflexes. Loves the challenge of the big games. Nothing soft gets past this solid sheet of impregnable steel



'Danny Boy' Cardinal

On the injury list for the rest of the year with a shoulder operation, he contributed to the team in the first half of the season with his big wheelbase and solid forechecking. He loves to play a scrappy game.



Hayden 'Hot Wheels' Ludlage

This third year veteran is a terrific skating defenseman who sees the ice well and will either skate with the puck or fire a long bomb pass to the forwards at the red line. From the point he has a torpedo of a shot. Likes to throw his weight around and dish out bone crushing checks.

Evan 'Batman' Ockerman

A tall, lanky long-armed defenseman who likes to carry the puck, is quick to join the party up front and doesn't mind getting his hands dirty in the corners or along the boards.



Photos by ShutterBee, Bonnyville

Head Coach: Marty Bendixen

Assistant coaches:

Tyson Stafford, Greg Van Maarion, Christoph Ludlage

Medal winners had to get past Avalanche first

There's nothing to be ashamed of when you know you lost to the gold and silver medal winners. The Atom Avalanche, the Atom Provincial D host couldn't quite do it this past weekend but the two finalists, Viking winning the silver medal and Magrath winning the gold medal, both of them were teams that played in the same pool as Elk Point.

Thursday night right after the opening ceremonies the Avalanche played Magrath. The house was packed to the rafters so you can just imagine what kind of pressure was on these young players who had never competed in a provincial tournament before, let alone one played at home. They played well, maybe not totally to their potential, as you could expect, but some of them certainly did, and especially their goalie 'Goodyear Charlie' Lesyk who was named the second star of the game.

The next game for the Avalanche was played on Friday at 1.30 p.m. in front of all their schoolmates from the Elk Point Elementary against Onoway. But this time they didn't seem nearly as nervous. Everyone on the team picked up his or her game, the Avalanche coming through with a big win. Evett 'Snoop Dog' Smereka named the first star, Braylee 'Little Willy' Lesyk winning the third star. But any one of the Avalanche team could have been picked as stars in this one.

The final round robin game was another must-win game against Viking

on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. The team played their hearts out but really struggled to find the mesh. Didn't seem to have a whole lot of luck at all, the puck just was hitting the cross bar or posts and finally the team powered out. Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand named the second star.

A terrific weekend otherwise and a huge pat on the back to the tournament chairperson Tara Cameron and her committee, Lori Kadutski, Jackie Penz, Andrea Ballas and Lisa Warawa for putting in so much time and effort

before and during the weekend. It takes a tremendous amount of work, but we are known as one of the best provincial hosts and have nothing but positive feedback. And a huge shout out to all the minor hockey parents, everyone in minor hockey, pond hockey and the skating club who came out and worked the concession and made this a successful and profitable weekend for our arena. And finally a big thank you to our caretaker Brian 'Putts' Poitras for keeping the ice clean and keen all season long and especially this past weekend being as warm as it was outside.

This coming weekend the Midget Avalanche will be travelling to Calgary to play in the Midget B Provincial finals. This is not their first rodeo. The midget team brought home the silver medal last year. How about gold this year, boys!!

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "Play every game as if it is your last one." - Guy Lefleur



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BASSETT
Review Sports



AVALANCHE IN ACTION - Goalie 'Goodyear Charlie' comes out of his net to stave off the Viking Gas Kings, who later lost to Magrath in the final game.

CONGRATULATIONS to 'Mick Jager' Fontaine and Landon 'the Magnificent' Malachowski, who won the Bantam B silver medals with the St. Paul Canadiens in Vermilion this past weekend.



COACHES speed-taped hockey sticks as they raced to see who would line up first to enjoy the banquet.



ELK POINT ATB FINANCIAL staff looked on as Hockey Alberta representative Lisa Davies presented the championship banner to the Magrath Chiefs.



HAIL TO THE CHIEFS! Magrath Chiefs players and coaching staff proudly pose with the Provincial Atom 'D' championship banner at the conclusion of the tournament.

Provincials

(Continued from Front Page)

After a full slate of games on Friday, all the teams met at F. G. Miller High School for the banquet, where both coaches and players competed in "Minute to Win It" style events to determine who was first in the buffet line. After dinner, MC Brian Poitras told the crowd that NHL players Sheldon Souray and Mark Letestu, "both played here. At our pee wee provincials banquet I sat beside my best friend, Mark Letestu, and listened to speeches like this. Hockey can be the best time of your life." The crowd enjoyed a video visit from Souray, who said he had grown up 30 minutes from Elk Point and "played a lot of hockey here. What a great way to spend a weekend in March, playing in Provincials in Elk Point. I wish I was there watching you."

Two days later, it all came down to this...

After three days of round robin play, the top four teams headed into Sunday's semi finals, where Viking, with three straight wins in Pool A, took on Spirit River tied with Bentley Pool B at two wins and a tie, but declared second because of more penalty minutes, while Bentley, took on Magrath, the second place team in Pool A. with two wins and a loss. Both Viking and Magrath came out of the semis with 8-2 wins, to move on the Sunday afternoon's final.

Magrath scored the first goal and Viking the second, with Magrath again taking the lead by the end of the first period. Viking would tie the score early in the second, but Magrath proceeded to add three more before Viking scored again, the score sitting at 5-3 after 40 minutes. The third period saw Magrath adding four more to their side of the scoreboard, three of them by the team's assistant captain who already had 10 goals to his credit for the weekend, Magrath winning by a 9-3 margin.

Another player on that team scored a dozen goals during the Provincials tournament, while captain Joe Harris scored a total of 10.



League curling champs named

TYLER WARAWA
Elk Point Curling Club

Here is a little wrap up for our league curling: We had a great year and continued to grow the club, ending up with 18 teams in the league.

The top eight teams played off in the A Event, with the Hahn rink winning the A Final vs the Lindquist rink.

The bottom eight teams played for the B Event with the F. G. Miller Boys team beating the Anderson rink to win the B final.

We are done for another season, but have big plans for the rink this summer. We are doing some major renovations and are excited for the new look rink and another year of curling this fall.

A EVENT WINNERS - Curtis Porcina presents the trophy to the Hahn rink: Skip Don Anderson, Third Ryan Hahn, Second Calvin Fisher and Lead Brant Evans.



B EVENT WINNERS accepting their trophy from Curtis Porcina were the F. G. Miller Boys rink: Skip - Carson Vogel, Third - Hunter Nelson, Second - Dustin Pinder and Lead - Brandon Goertzen.

Curling Club winds up season with Funspiel



FIRST EVENT WINNERS of Elk Point Curling Club's 2019 windup Funspiel on March 8 and 9 were the Berg rink. Angie Berg presents the Doug and Doreen Berg Memorial trophy to Dustin Berg, Brandon Roberge and Lorn Berg, who said the team had some help from Don Pilisko and Doug Lindquist during the two-day event. Twelve rinks enjoyed the funspiel.

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The County of St. Paul has filled three positions for Board members at large and has the need to fill two more positions. Members shall be appointed to the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (ISDAB) for a three-year term. Training will be provided.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the ISDAB, apply to pcorbiere@county.stpaul.ab.ca or drop off a letter at the County of St. Paul Administration Office, 5015 - 49 Avenue, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A4. Applicants should provide reasons for their interest in the position and outline any relevant experience. Deadline for applications is April 2, 2019.

Correction

Our sincere apologies to the Elk Point Curling Club and to the Berg and Anderson rinks, whose events were inadvertently switched in last week's issue.



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SECOND EVENT WINNERS - Tyler Warawa presents the trophy to Don Anderson, Dennell Anderson, Trina Cox and Charlene Simpson.

'Tons of Money' returns to Elk Point stage

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A decade after the original performances of 'Tons of Money' by the Elk Point Community Choir and Friends, a new and updated version, entitled 'Tons of Money (revised, Ayckbourn)' returned to the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre this past weekend for the first pair of performances, with the final pair coming up next weekend.

Tons of money... that's just what Louise and Aubrey Allington (Velma Hudson and Shaun Sheplaw) need to get them out of the bind they find themselves in, with bills piling up, it's hard to keep identifying themselves as

the idle rich, waited on hand and foot by butler Sprules (Kendall Snyder) and cook Simpson (Mabel Gottenebos), not to mention the somewhat incommunicative gardener, Giles (first-time performer Patrick Lavoie).

Their solution to their financial situation is basically to ignore it, something that's growing as difficult to do as coping with their dotty old aunt, Miss Mullet (Kiera Burke), who wanders through scenes and asks perplexing questions, but Aubrey, an imaginative inventor, feels he may have a solution, if he can just start selling his latest creation, a super powered blasting powder.

Hiding in the stack of bills is a letter from a solicitor, who, Sprules

informs the Allingtons, has also phoned to inform them of his imminent arrival. The solicitor, James Chesterman, played by another new addition to the cast, James Lajimodiere, arrives to tell Aubrey that his brother has passed away and left him a life interest in a massive fortune - some \$470,000 US, but he notes, "It's only a life interest in the event of your death, your cousin George Maitland would get the money."

Cousin George (Trevor Heal, a third newcomer to the group) is not to be found, and is presumed to have been killed in a gunfight in Mexico, but nobody's sure... and what if he's still alive, and Aubrey should die? Poor Louise would be left penniless... as if they both weren't already. And what if their creditors found out about the Allingtons' windfall? That would take care of the inheritance in short order. What to do, what to do?

What gets done involves the arrival

of Louise's friend Jean Everard (Barb Maile), an impostor claiming to be Cousin George (the group's fourth new actor, Terry Stark) and the real Cousin George - or is he an impostor too? Only those who see this revised version will find out for sure!

The 2019 dinner theatre offering is directed by Don Conrad and produced by Barb Buryn, with Rob Walker in charge of lights and sounds, Lavern Kittlitz and his able crew taking on set design and construction, Sandie Bishop coordinating tickets, Jim Orr the bar, Mitch Walker the dining room and Lawrence Pidluzny the liquor ticket sales. Once again, Mabel Gottenebos is in charge of costumes and Ellen Seward in charge of makeup, while Cindy Kachmar is the crew's top-notch 'Jacqueline of all trades' and understudy to the entire cast of this hilarious production.

(More 'Money' to come next week!)



GOOD NEWS.... OR IS IT? Solicitor James Chesterman tells the financially struggling Allingtons about an inheritance large enough to pay their bills, but not enough to live the pampered lifestyle they currently enjoy.



SUPER SALESMAN Ray Danyluk and committee members Lisa Warawa and Felina DeMoissac present the laden Loonie Stick to Jodi and Jaxon Smith, to take home to winner Shane.

Loonie Stick loaded to the hilt

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Loonie stick has been a long-standing tradition when Elk Point Minor Hockey teams hosted Provincial championship tournaments, and this year was definitely no exception.

Teams had no sooner started arriving at A. G. Ross Arena on Thursday when Ray Danyluk and Melanie Poulin started taping coins and bills to one of two hockey sticks donated by Sylvestre Sports in Bonnyville, where many local hockey players purchase equipment. Poulin reported \$823 was on the stick by 1:30 p.m. and \$1,400 by 8:30 p.m. that first day.



That total was doubled, hitting the \$2,800 mark with minutes to go before the time of the draw early Saturday afternoon and grew by another \$167 in minutes to a grand total of \$2,967 before tournament committee member Lisa Warawa climbed up on a stool, gave the draw barrel a final stir and pulled out the name of Shane Smith, who Danyluk said had contributed \$40 to the draw, which yielded a matching \$2,967 for Elk Point Minor Hockey.

Another massive fundraiser across the AGR lobby saw draws underway for an array of 34 donated items, from tools to games to a kiddie bicycle, and several silent auction items, including a vacation package, also up for grabs, with the ATB Financial staff in charge of ticket sales throughout the weekend. Elk Point Lions also had a fundraiser that involved purchasing squares with the name of one of the players in the tournament.

HOPING FOR A WIN - Co-workers Lorrie O'Reilly and Deena Smith each chipped in on one last ticket... but the win went to an totally different Smith!

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On March 8, 2019 Miss Kimberly Rose Lewis of Edmonton, formerly of Frog Lake, passed away at the age of 34 years. She is survived by her children, Ty Lewis-Swampy, Angel Swampy, Stryder Big Bull-Lewis, Justice-Furious Whitecow & Sunshine Whitecow; father, Greg Smith-Lewis; siblings, Leanne Naistus, Noella Crane, Cheyanne Potts, Graham Potts, Rose Marie Tchiskim, Sky Louise Dorocher, Jeremiah Potts & Dallas Rattlesnake; grandmothers, Stella Lewis, Mary Fryingpan & Alma Fryingpan; grandfathers, Elmer Fryingpan & Henry Smith; aunts, Sandra Fryingpan, Brenda Thurston & Tia Hassler; numerous cousins, aunts & uncles; special friend, Collin Ficht. Kimberly was predeceased by her mother, Colleen Lou Fryingpan; grandmother, Rosie Fryingpan; grandfathers, Herman Littlewolf & Lawrence Smith; aunt, Tracey Carter; cousins, Benjamin Carter & Daniel Fryingpan. A Wake was held on Tuesday & Wednesday, March 12 & 13 at Norman C. Quinney Career Centre, Frog Lake. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, March 14 at 11:00 a.m. at Norman C. Quinney Career Centre, Frog Lake. Father Joji Boyapati was the celebrant with interment in Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Cemetery, Frog Lake. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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Never too late for a Valentine's visit!

On Tuesday, February 26 the Elk Point Jack & Jill students, parents and instructor visited the residents for a belated Valentine's due to the extreme cold temperatures. The students greeted everyone with a good morning handshake or hug and then presented the guests with classroom favourite songs and special songs about love and friendship. An old time favourite, "You Are My Sunshine" was sung together by everyone at the end. The students shared a Valentine Heart Craft with the residents to share a little piece of their hearts with each one of them who watched the performance. The students were treated to some delicious cookies and chocolate treats. We will be back for our last annual visit at Easter time this year. Take care everyone and let the sunshine in!

- Tammy Klatt, Jack and Jill Playschool

Diane Hyslop photo

Munching, meetings and Mary Lambert at Elk Point Library

ELK POINT LIBRARY
Review Contributor

You never quite know what will be happening at the Elk Point Library, but you can be sure that a lot of it will involve having fun!

Last week, for instance, the Friends of the Library celebrated Pi Day at the March Library Tea, complete with six kinds of homemade pie and a six-foot-long exhibit of the Pi translation.

Coming up next week are two big events: the library's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m., which is open to the public, and an afternoon event on March 28 that will entertain kids of all ages, when Juno Award nominee Mary Lambert presents a live concert of 'Singin' Along and Adventure Songs', starting at 1 p.m.

And don't forget, you only have until March 31 to turn in your entries in the library's annual Coloring Contest, which includes categories for Age 6 and Under, Ages 7 to 10, Ages 11 to 15 and Ages 16 and up. Pick up a coloring page at the library and let's brighten up the library with your entries. Prizes are sponsored by the Early Childhood Development Council.



ENOUGH PIES FOR A PIE-EATING CONTEST - or just to enjoy with tea, coffee and good conversation as we celebrated Pi Day at the Elk Point Library's monthly tea!

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Elk Point Fire Department requests flashing stop sign at Murphy Road and Hwy 646

MEREDITH KERR
Review Contributor

The Elk Point Fire Department requested the County of St. Paul install a flashing stop sign at the intersection of Hwy. 646 and Murphy Road, located in the eastern part of the county between Riverview and Heinsburg.

Issues with the intersection have been previously raised to Alberta Transportation by the county, as the right of way for the intersection is owned and maintained by the province.

"If the county installed it it would become a county liability and not a provincial liability," said CAO Sheila Kitz in her report to council.

Kitz suggested the next letter the county sends include a copy of the letter from Elk Point Fire Department as well as statistics on the number of collisions the fire department has responded to there.

"I'll motion that the letter to Alberta Transportation requesting that stop sign at the junction of 646 and Murphy Road to include the information from Elk Point with the incidents there and the incidents at 560 and Murphy Road as a comparison, because that was one of the reasons they said that stop sign was put in at 560 and 646 was because of an increased number of incidents if I recall correctly," said Coun. Darrell Youngmans.

The motion carried unanimously.

County supports reducing speed limit

County council voted to write a letter of support for an application by the Town of Elk Point to reduce the speed limit on Hwy 646 from Hwy 41 to south of the recreation grounds past the curve. The application came after concerns were raised by the Elk Point Golf and Country Club, Lions Club, Minor Ball Association, and Soccer Association. The groups requested the speed limit be dropped from 100 km/h to 70 km/h.

"One thing to note, if one of our trucks is coming up that hill to go in to the transfer station if the gate is closed they have to get close enough that they can hit the button to get that open. So that truck might sit on the highway for a bit if it's a bigger truck slowed right down, it's a bit of a dangerous spot," said Mark Chileen, director of public works.

"The visibility isn't that great there," said Coun. Darrell Youngmans.

"It'll be a speed zone trap for sure, but it does make a lot of sense to slow the traffic down through there," said Coun. Kevin Wirsta.

Youngmans made the motion to write a letter of support for the Town of Elk Point's application, it carried unanimously.

Elk Point Canada Day funding

Following an extensive discussion of how much money has been given to various communities in previous years, County of St. Paul council voted to cover half the cost of fireworks, up to \$2,400, for Canada Day celebrations in Elk Point. The town's Canada Day committee requested \$6,000 from the County, including \$4,800 for fireworks and \$1,200 for the band performing on the main stage. The committee also

requested \$6,000 from the Town of Elk Point. "They really want to make this a go. In the past Canada Day in Elk Point has never competed against any other community. Right now, they're competing against St. Paul, Bonnyville, and Vermilion. I would like to see at least five (thousand) for them this year," said Coun. Kevin Wirsta, who represents the county on the Elk Point and District Volunteer Canada Day Committee. Darrell Youngmans expressed concern that by giving too much for Canada Day celebrations the county was encouraging an expensive competition between area communities.

In 2017 county gave Elk Point \$6,000 for Canada 150 while in 2018 the county gave \$2,000. St. Paul received \$10,000 for Canada 150 and \$7,500 in 2018. The common sentiment around the table was that Canada 150 was a special circumstance and ought not be used to measure future support. Dale Hedrick made a motion to give Elk Point's Canada Day committee \$2,000. Cliff Martin amended the motion to \$2,400 and made it specific to the cost of half the fireworks. The motion carried. Transfer station agreements signed Three operating and lease agreements were signed between the County of St. Paul, Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, and Evergreen Regional Waste Management Commission regarding the transfer stations. Under the new agreement both councils must approve any unbudgeted capital purchases. According to Director of Community Services Tim Mahdiuk, Evergreen, as well as the county's legal counsel and insurance provider vetted the agreements. "We did make one change to all the agreements and that's under the termination clause. Before it said Evergreen could get out with three months notice and municipalities had to give one year, but now we want to match those to make it fair for the municipalities that it be a year's notice either way," said Mahdiuk, before asking the council to sign the new ten year agreements. Cliff Martin, Kevin Wirsta and Dale Hedrick made motions to approve the operating agreements. Motions to approve the lease agreements were made by Laurent Amyotte, Darrell Youngmans, and Cliff Martin. All the motions carried. County commits to Rapid Response Unit for fire department The County of St. Paul voted to write a letter of support and commit \$25,000 towards a Rapid Response Unit for the St. Paul Fire Department. According to county administration the fire department is applying for a Community Initiatives Program (CIP) grant and plans to purchase the unit in 2020. Coun. Laurent Amyotte asked if the funding would come from reserves or budget. "It could come from reserves right now," said Sheila Kitz, the county's Chief Administrative Officer.

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Amyotte made the motion to support the fire department to unanimous support from council.

A second request for \$1,000 towards improvements to the fire department's training facility in the County's public works yard was also approved.

Council remuneration and expenses to be discussed at upcoming policy meeting

A list of policies to be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the policy committee was presented to council for feedback and to ensure administration was appropriately prepared.

Coun. Darrell Youngmans specifically requested "some sort of direction on remuneration and expense because it's vetted twice to policy, twice to council, and now we're talking change again and I'd like to know some sort of direction so we're not bouncing back and forth. It's on the books, to publish, to not publish, where are we going?"

"Personally I'm very comfortable with publishing it, it just depends what you're including in it," said Coun. Cliff Martin. "Expenses that the councilors are reimbursed for that they paid out of their own pockets, they probably shouldn't be part of that. The other part, if you're going to disclose that, as some of the e-mails have said here 'the total cost of governance' you'd have to include the amount that the county is paying for registration for conferences." According to Martin, including reimbursed expenses would inflate the total cost.

Deputy Reeve Maxine Fodness said "I think we need a clear definition of travel time, we need to define that."

The policy committee meeting will take place at noon on March 26, immediately following public works.

SPERD projects \$1 million to \$2.5 million deficit in next budget

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

The budget and some bleak financials were discussed at length on Wednesday during the St. Paul Education Regional Division (SPERD) board meeting.

This year, there is added uncertainty due to the looming provincial spring election, and the division has to build its budget with even more unknowns than usual, said Secretary-Treasurer Jean Champagne.

Over the last four years, there has been a decline in enrolment across the division. A downturn in the oil industry has likely played a part in that, and there are a number of homes for sale in many of the communities that fall within SPERD's region, said Champagne.

He presented two budget scenarios to

the board, with the first showing about a \$1 million deficit, and the other showing a \$2.5 million deficit.

"There's a real possibility that it could be \$2.5 million," said Champagne.

It was noted that there are a lot of initiatives that are important to local schools, that are tied funds that could be impacted by a change in government. Also, ongoing provincial bargaining with teachers could ultimately affect the division's budget.

Champagne described this year's budget as being the most difficult budget in 25 years.

In the past, SPERD has focused its efforts on keeping class sizes small, but adjustments will have to be made, acknowledged Superintendent Glen Brodziak.

"There is going to be an impact to

class size, regardless," he said. "This could be the toughest budget I've ever had to deliver," added Brodziak.

Champagne also acknowledged that it can be hard to make appropriate staffing adjustments since enrolment is declining at schools throughout the division. He also noted that SPERD is not alone in the challenges it is seeing, but nearly ever rural district in Alberta is in the same position.

Momo challenge

During his report, Superintendent Glen Brodziak briefed the board on how the division had handled dispersing information about the MOMO Challenge.

The challenge, which has now been determined to be a hoax, was said to be a social media challenge involving a video with a frightening character that

encouraged children to do violent challenges and commit self harm

Brodziak said the division directed principals to simply monitor and listen to what was going on in their schools. He noted that it can be difficult to determine if releasing information in some instances makes a situation worse for children.

While the division did post information for parents on its social media sites, it did not send physical letters home, since often children will open those letters before the parents do, and it could create unnecessary anxiety.

One takeaway lesson from the situation was that the division did not give bus drivers the information. Brodziak noted the division has a duty to arm bus drivers with the necessary information, and has used the situation as a learning